

What you should know about Marijuana



Most commonly used illicit drug

14.6 million users (6.2% of the population)

2.6 new users in 2002 (2/3 were under 18, 1/2 were female)

According to the National Survey on Drug Use & Health
(2003)

There has been a . . .

5 % decrease in use of Marijuana by youth 12-17

Decrease in the perception of availability of Marijuana

30% decrease in the use of Marijuana by youth 12-13

20% decrease in heavy users (use 20 or times a month)

And an increase in the perceived risk of using
once a month or more frequently.

Youth exposed to anti-drug messages are

25% less likely to use than those unexposed. (7.5% vs. 10%)

Youth that perceive that their parents would “strongly disapprove”

are 80% less likely to use marijuana. (5.4% vs. 28.7%)